

Memo: To all members of the Presbytery of Ottawa

A.J. R. Johnston, our representative to the Christian Council of the Capital Area, has requested that the following announcement be circulated to all congregations.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity -

A celebration of common witness, Sunday January 22, 6 p.m. at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary, 1315 Prince of Wales Drive. Participants include Roman Catholic and Anglican bishops and our own Moderator. Reception to follow. Sponsored by the Christian Council of the Capital Area - a wonderful opportunity to gather in the name of Christ.

If you plant honesty, you will reap trust

If you plant goodness, you will reap friends

If you plant humility, you will reap greatness

If you plant perseverance, you will reap contentment

If you plant consideration, you will reap perspective

If you plant hard work, you will reap success

If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation

**So, be careful what you plant now;
it will determine what you will reap later.**

Saturday February 4th, 2012,

Westminster Presbyterian Church

at 470 Roosevelt Avenue in Westboro

will be hosting a "P.W.S.&D. 101" information time from 2-5 pm. Susan James is the Africa Coordinator for Presbyterian World Service and Development and has just returned from Malawi in sub-Saharan Africa. She will be speaking on the various projects provided by PWS&D worldwide. If you are interested in attending please call Westminster at 613 722-1144 or Dave Mansell at 613 721-2714.

Susan will also be speaking during the worship service at Westminster on Sunday Feb. 5 at 10:30 am.

Happy New Year one and all. Now that the Christmas activities are over it is time to check out your social calendars. Do you have Jan 28th booked for the spaghetti supper and variety show at St Andrew's...well mark it in your calendars.

Feeling a little let down after all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season? Well check out the Help wanted ads. There is lots to do. Why I even noticed some Help wanted Ads for St Andrew's in Stittsville See the following and please give the jobs your prayerful consideration

Help Wanted

Various positions required Immediately by the St Andrew's Church in Stittsville.

- - Coordinator for the Jan 28th Variety Concert
- - Performers for the variety concert
- - Coordinator for the Jan 28th Spaghetti Dinner
- - Staff to assist in the kitchen preparing and serving the dinner and clean up duties.

The coordinator positions must be filled by a.s.a.p.. Please contact Marlene (836-4147) or the church office should you be interested in any of these positions

Salary: opportunity to enjoy new challenges, lots of laughs, meet new friends and have fun doing God's work....hey.... he gave us his son Jesus!! what can we do for him??? volunteer and enjoy spending time with your church family.

For teenagers there is the added benefit of getting volunteer time in that you require for graduation.

Greetings from the Carleton University Ecumenical Chaplaincy!

You will be happy to hear that the Pause Table, which we ran during the December 2011 exam period, was a rousing success thanks to the help of eighteen partner churches. We fed 8,357 hungry, stressed-out students during the ten days of exams. Considering that during the 2010 December exams we served 3,798 students, this is incredible. We are so grateful to all those churches and especially to all the volunteers involved.

The students were so thankful. Many had no money left for food, or were too anxious to think about cooking. Having free food available meant that they were going into their exams with "fuel" in their systems. Encouraging words from the volunteers were also highly valued. A proctor told us that she could tell which students had been to the Pause Table because they were the calm ones.

Now that we are back into the regular class schedule, there are still some simple ways that you can help:

- If you have half empty boxes of herbal tea that you don't think you are going to use, you could donate them. Many students love herbal tea.
- When you travel, take the packet of coffee from your hotel room. You paid for it in your room fee. It's yours. We can use them to make the free coffee for the students.

For more information about the Chaplaincy, please visit www.carleton.ca/ecumenicalchaplaincy/

To reach the Chaplain, please call 613-520-4449 or write to wayne_menard@carleton.ca.

BULLETIN BITS

January 15: Educating Girls in Afghanistan

Many girls in Afghanistan will never have the chance to attend school. With youth comprising 50% of the population and the female literacy rate below 18%, investing in the education of girls is more important than ever. PWS&D is working with our local partner to train teachers, provide girls with textbooks and supplies, repair schools, and raise awareness and support for female education. Shanaz, leader of a parent-teacher committee, says, "Before this program, we did not allow our girls to get an education. But now with the program we see the need for education and we send our girls to school." For the 2011-2012 school year, PWS&D aims to increase enrolment from 1,350 to 1,800 girls. Together with your support, we are creating opportunities for girls and helping them realize their dreams. www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd

AIN'T IT SO

The world would be a better place if there was not an age limit on nap time.

Atlantic Voices:

the Newfoundland and Labrador Choir of Ottawa,

kicks off its 10th Anniversary season by spotlighting the music and culture of PEI. Please join the choir and Musical Director Scott Richardson as they present

"And They're From Prince Edward Island"

on Sunday January 29th at 3 p.m.

at Centretown United Church, 507 Bank Street, Ottawa.

For tickets contact

Doug/Kelda Sinclair (836-9607) or Hannie (722-9240).

Admission is \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door,
free for children 12 and under.

Visit www.atlanticvoices.ca for more information.